

November 13, 1978

Dear Harold,

I've just ~~xxx~~ gotten David's letter of the 8th, asking about my notes on Guinn.

The only notes I actually took during the post-testimony conversation are as follows:

"FBI samples - weight - didn't match his !?"
"Connally wrist - 16.4, 1.3; FBI - 2.3, 2.3, ~~x~~ 1.52 mg"
"Copper on clothing - handling - no ~~xxxx~~ longer usable"
"Emission spectro is destructive"
"FBI did find --- [?] on curb"

And some notes made subsequently:

100% straight, competent, etc.

Did work in 1964 with a Mannlicher-Carcano; did not work for WC [directly]

~~xxx~~ HSC description of Walker bullet match is misleading -

Antimony match is coincidence; silver match means ~~xx~~ nothing
[Point is - both were low-antimony bullets; the amount of antimony doesn't mean anything.]

His (handwritten) graph of antimony ~~xxxxxx~~ percent for the 31 ~~xxxx~~ bullets he measured: [[Shows a fairly uniform distribution from 0 to 1200 parts per million, with clustering around the low end, and a small cluster around 800.]]

About 6000 bullets per pig [[i.e., per uniform chunk of metal]]

1 million ~~xxxxxxx~~ bullets per lot [[i.e., 160 pigs per lot]]

Odds [of a ~~xxx~~ coincidental match] are at least 1 in $160 \times 4 = 640$, in fact ~~xxxxx~~ clearly somewhat more [since all the bullets weren't mixed together randomly before being ~~xxx~~ boxed, although apparently large numbers ~~xxxx~~ were.]

I would recommend against putting too much reliance on any transcript of that conversation. It was pretty hectic, I think (especially since Scott Malone didn't really ~~understand~~ understand Guinn's results.)

If you have specific questions for Guinn, how about sending them ~~xxx~~ to me; I could send him a copy and then try to talk with him. I should be able to reach him ~~xxxx~~ on the tie line (he's at U.C. Irvine, 714-833-6091), and I think he would be willing to talk to me.

On another matter: I just got about 100 pages from my personal FBI file, mostly from my JD correspondence file. There are some interesting documents, ~~which~~ which I will list for you, especially concerning their reaction to my FOIA request for the pre-assassination files. Apparently Justice wanted to initiate an overall file review (like the one which has now gotten the 90,000 pages out) back in 1972, but Gray and the FBI objected. Would you like a copy of these pages? (This is ~~xxx~~ stuff which is not in the assassinations files; ~~xxx~~ they ~~sent~~ sent me a list of references to another 100 pages or ~~xxx~~ so in those files.)

Sincerely,

Paul

PLH

cc: DL